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**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY  
MEETING****OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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**Friday, January 7, 2000**

The open session meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the President, Judith Janaro Fabian, Ph.D. at 10:35 a.m.. A quorum was present and due notice was sent to all interested parties.

**Present were:**

Judith Janaro Fabian, Ph.D., President  
Martin Greenberg, Ph.D., Vice-President  
Emil Rodolfa, Ph.D.  
Pamela Harmell, Ph.D.  
Mary Ellen Early  
Mary McMillan  
Marilyn Palarea

**Others Present:**

Thomas O'Connor, Executive Officer  
Dan Buntjer, DCA Legal Counsel  
Suzanne Taylor, Assistant Executive Officer  
Karen Johnson, Licensing/Examination Coordinator  
Jeff Thomas, Special Project Coordinator  
Kathi Burns, Enforcement Analyst  
Alann Dingle, Ph.D., representing the Los Angeles County Psychological Association

**Agenda item # 1- Credentials Committee Meeting**

The Credentials Committee met to discuss their recommendations to the Board.

**Agenda item #2 - Approval of November 5, 1999 and November 6, 1999 Open Session Minutes**

It was M(Rodolfa)/S(Early)/C to approve the open session minutes of November 5, 1999.

Vote: 7 – 0

It was M(Harmell)/S(Palarea)/C to approve the open session minutes of November 6, 1999 with corrections.

Vote: 7 - 0

**Agenda item #3 - Strategic Plan**

**a. Review List of Accomplishments from 1999/2000 Strategic Plan**

Dr. Fabian thanked Suzanne Taylor for compiling the list of Board accomplishments for the past year. She further commented that the Board had accomplished a substantial number of things and thanked the Board and staff members for all their hard work. She asked that this list be placed on the Board's website.

**b. Discuss Revocation/Revocation Stayed/Probation Language Contained in Board Decisions**

An opinion from Deputy Attorney General Robert Miller was presented to the Board which clarified that when a license is placed on probation with the Board of Psychology and the disciplinary order which created that probation reads, Revocation Stayed, that the licensee does not have to report that the license was revoked, only that the license is on probation. The opinion further indicated that to be sure that there is no miscommunication with the entity inquiring about the license status, a copy of the disciplinary order should be provided.

**c. Approve 2000/2001 Strategic Plan**

Dr. Fabian acknowledged the substantial amount of work Suzanne Taylor put into preparing the draft and final versions of the Board's Strategic Plan and requested that the plan be placed on the Board's website.

It was M(Greenberg)/S(Rodolfa)/C to approve the 2000/2001 Strategic Plan.

Vote: 7 - 0

**Agenda item #4 - Family Stress Center - Request for Waiver of the 50% On-site Requirement Pursuant to Policy #L-99-01**

The Credentials Committee reported that the Family Stress Center qualifies under policy #L-99-01 for waiver of the 50% on-site requirement. The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board grant the waiver.

It was M(Credentials Committee)/C to grant the waiver.

Vote: 7 - 0

**Agenda item #5 - Daniel R. Blaess, Ph.D. - Request for Alternative Supervision Pursuant to Regulation Section 1387(o)(3)**

The Credentials Committee recommended that Dr. Blaess's request for alternative supervision be granted if he provides documentation that the research to be performed be either clinical or applied. Staff will request this additional documentation.

It was M(Credentials Committee)/C to grant the waiver on the condition that it be confirmed that the research performed will be either clinical or applied.

Vote: 7 - 0

**Agenda item #6 - Plumas County Alcohol & Drug Department - Request for Waiver of Regulation Section 1387(b), 1387(e), and 1387(o)(3) Based on an Extreme Rural Setting**

The Credentials Committee reported that the Board does not have the authority to allow for exemptions to the supervision requirement based on a rural setting. Staff will write Plumas County Alcohol & Drug Department and provide them with some suggestions for supervision.

M(Credentials Committee)/C to deny the request.

Vote: 7 - 0

**Agenda item #7 - Public Comment and Other Post-Agenda Items for Discussion**

**a. Family and Community Enrichment Services, Inc. - Request for waiver of the 50% on-site requirement pursuant to policy #L-99-01.**

The Credentials Committee reported that the Family and Community Enrichment Services, Inc. qualifies under policy #L-99-01 for waiver of the 50% on-site requirement. The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board grant the waiver.

It was M(Credentials Committee)/C to grant the waiver.

Vote: 7 - 0

**b. Elissa Epel, Ph.D. - Request for Alternative Supervision Pursuant to Regulation Section 1387(o)(3)**

The Credentials Committee reported that Dr. Epel's request for alternative supervision at the Psychiatry Department of University of California, San Francisco meets the requirements in Regulation, section 1387(o)(3). Dr. Epel's primary duties at the Psychiatry Department would be to conduct clinically relevant research in health psychology. The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board grant the request for alternative supervision.

It was M(Credentials Committee)/C to approve.

Vote: 7 - 0

**c. Ahmad Riahinejad, Ph.D. - Equivalent Degree**

The Credentials Committee reported that Dr. Riahinejad's doctorate degree in Education for the University of Iowa is deficient in two core coursework areas, 1) biological bases of behavior, and 2) professional ethics. The documentation of training in the two areas submitted by Dr. Riahinejad does not meet with the requirements in Regulation, section 1386(4). The courses must be at least one semester or one quarter in length from an accredited or approved college or university. The Credentials Committee recommended that the Board reject the training submitted by Dr. Riahinejad and require that he take a course in professional ethics and biological bases of behavior in an academic degree program before the Board can approve his doctorate degree.

It was M(Credentials Committee)/C to deny.

Vote: 7 - 0

**d. Request for Approval of Non-qualifying supervision hours for Robin Zasio**

The Credential Committee informed that Board that there is no law or regulation that allows the Board to accept hours of a supervisee when supervised by a non-qualifying supervisor, such as a psychiatrist who is not board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. It was noted that misunderstandings like this will be avoided in the future now that supervising psychiatrists are required to submit proof of certification

when asking to supervise psychological assistants.  
This request will be formally denied at the March 2 & 4, 2000 Board meeting.

**e. Memorandum from Randolph P. Reaves**

Dr. Fabian commented that the several articles, provided by Mr. Reaves, were recently published in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* regarding a three-part investigation into the disciplinary activities of psychology board in fifty U.S. jurisdictions, including California, reflected positively on the California Board of Psychology.

**Agenda item #8 -Sonny Goldberg, Ph.D. - Petition for Reinstatement of Revoked License**

Administrative Law Judge Paul M. Hogan presided. Deputy Attorney General Joseph Furman was present and represented the People. Dr. Goldberg was present and was represented by Gary Wittenberg, Attorney at Law.

**Agenda item #9 - Stephen W. Brown, Ph.D. - Oral Argument Hearing on Remanded Decision**

Administrative Law Judge Paul M. Hogan presided. Deputy Attorney General Heidi Weisbaum was present and represented the Board. Dr. Brown was not present but was represented by Russell Iungerich, Attorney at Law.

**Agenda item #10 - Gary R. Rick, Ph.D. - Petition for Termination of Probation**

Administrative Law Judge Paul M. Hogan presided. Deputy Attorney General Joseph Furman was present and represented the People. Dr. Rick was present and represented himself.

The Board adjourned into closed session at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Judith Janaro Fabian, Ph.D.  
President

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Marty Greenberg, Ph.D.  
Vice-President

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Date